

UTAH PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATOR

UTAH STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

INTRODUCING THE TALL FIREFIGHTER



GET YOURSELF TO A UT EDUCATOR'S MEETING

Head South for milder weather this month as well as for good food and a good cause. Get involved in improving fire and life safety education in Utah.

Thursday, January 14 @ 6:00 p.m. at [Riverwalk Grill](#) on Sun-River Golf Course, 4210 Blue Grass Way, St. George. [Google map](#)

Food will be purchased individually from the dinner menu and guests are welcome. Don't be late or you may miss *The Tall Firefighter*, a new mascot available locally.

RSVP: Monica Colby if you plan to attend via [email](#) or phone: 801-284-6360. Carpools will be leaving the Hilton Garden Inn at 5:15, 5:30 and 5:45 - if you want a ride or are willing to drive, make sure Monica knows.

-See you there!

What's on the Menu?



PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT FOR '09

Winter Fire School (January 16th & 17th) is an opportunity to better your expertise and career experience. All the right contacts will be there if networking (eh-hem- improving your career) is your aim. Simply put, specialized knowledge is what sets us apart as fire service professionals.

[Winter
Fire
School](#)

Free classes relevant to public education include: *Fire Safe Cigarettes and Toy-like Lighters, Alarms and Sprinklers in Education, Involving the Community and Fire Safety and Education for Older Adults and People With Disabilities.*

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More:

- * Novelty Lighter Links
- * Remembering When
- * 2009 Memos



NOVELTY LIGHTER LINKS

Thanks to Tim O'Dowd from USFA for providing these videos and links about what's happening on the Novelty Lighter front:

Videos:

[Oregon SFM](#)
[Tri State News](#)
[The Idea Bank](#)

Links:

[Consumer.org](#)

[El Cajon Fire](#)

[Examples](#)

[USA Today](#)

[Fitchburg, WI](#)

[More examples](#)

[Consumer Report](#)



FIRE CORPS PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: REMEMBERING WHEN



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Two Americorps VISTAs, hosted at the Utah State Fire Marshal's Office, were selected to go to Boston, MA last month to participate in NFPA's *Remembering When* Scholarship. The VISTAs were trained in fire and fall prevention for older adults.

The 16-point program is designed (cooperatively by NFPA and Center for Disease Control) to get the most pertinent and effective prevention ideas across to older adults in a 30-minute period. The program uses trivia, humor, and nostalgic interactive games to deliver serious messages about how older adults can protect themselves.

If anyone would like information about the Remembering When Training visit NFPA's [website](#) or contact VISTAs Ashley Nicholes: anicholes@utah.gov or Chelsey Short: cshort@utah.gov.

SAFETY IDEAS

Safety Calendar

The National Safety Council keeps a comprehensive [calendar](#) of safety observances including fire, burn, poison, falls, sun, and even window safety.

February 2 - 7 is National Burn Awareness Week

March 15 - 21 is National Poison Prevention Week

April: Injury Prevention Month

April 26 - May 3 is National Safe Kids Week - 20th Anniversary!

May 17 - 23 is National EMS Week

June: National Safety Month

IN COMMEMORATION

Dates to Remember

January 1, 1963: Fretz Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 12 alarm fire destroys 50 homes and several businesses.

January 15, 1987: Kearns, Utah: Two personal aircraft collide spreading debris over two elementary schools and surrounding neighborhoods near the end of the school day.

January 17, 1995: Kobe, Japan hit by 7.2 earthquake. Over 5,000 were killed and nearly 30,000 injured. Water supply was drained by fire service in many places before additional help could arrive.

January 28, 1986: Challenger exploded 73 seconds after takeoff from Kennedy Space Centre, Florida.